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SUBJ: MISCELLANEOUS LEADERSHIP NOTES

1. ACCORDING TO STORY MAKING THE ROUNDS IN PEKING DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA, PURGED LAST YEAR FOR LINKS WITH THE GANG OF FOUR, HAS RECENTLY COMMITTED SUICIDE. MOST PUPULAR VERSION OF THE STORY HAS IT THAT CHIAO, REALIZING THAT HIS FENCE-STRADDLING HAD ANTAGONIZED ALL FACTIONS, DESPAIRED OF EVER WINNING EVEN PARTIAL REHABILITATION.

2. EAST EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS CLAIM THAT PRC LEADERSHIP DECIDED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO TO RESTORE PRE-CULTURAL REVOLUTION POSITION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE (A POSITION LAST HELD BY LIU SHAO-CHI). PARTY ELDER YEH CHIEN-YING WAS TAPPED FOR THIS PRESTIGIOUS BUT EMPTY POST, WITH CHOU EN-LAI'S WIDOW TENG YING-CHAO SELECTED TO FILL THE VACANT POSITION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS STANDING COMMITTEE. IN THIS ROLE TENG YING-CHAO WOULD HAVE RECEIVED FOREIGN AMBASSADORS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES BELOW THE RANK OF CHIEF OF STATE. THIS PLAN FELL THROUGH, HOWEVER, THE EASTERN EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS CLAIM, OWING TO OBJECTIONS BY YEH CHIEN-YING TO THE KICK UPSTAIRS. THE MILDLY SURPRISING FAILURE TO NAME
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TENG YING-CHAO TO THE NEW POLITBURO IS CITED AS FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT TENG IS NO LONGER A LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR EITHER POSITION.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT PLACE A GREAT DEAL OF STOCK IN ANY OF THESE STORIES, WHICH SEEM MORE A PRODUCT OF LAST SUMMER PEKING DOLDRUMS THAN OF INSIDE INFORMATION.

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